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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: John D. Grace

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For: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CREATING IRREGULAR THREE-DIMENSIONAL POLYGONAL VOLUME MODELS IN A THREE-DIMENSIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER THE ENERGY PROGRAM
(37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02, VI)**

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special as being for an invention that materially contributes to the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy.

1. Accompanying material

Accompanying this petition is a statement by applicant explaining how the invention materially contributes to the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy.

2. Fee

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), no fee is required for this petition.

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The United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear United States Patent and Trademark Office:

The present invention enhances the computer-based systems and methods available to geoscientists and engineers in the oil and gas industry who are involved in the exploration for and production of hydrocarbon resources. By advancing the technology used for visualization and analysis of subsurface hydrocarbon reservoirs and equipment (e.g., wells), production costs can be reduced and an increased volume of original hydrocarbons in place in an area can be found and produced. Both effects augment oil and gas supply.

The present application is a continuation of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/323,159 filed on December 18, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/342,018 filed on December 19, 2001. The present application claims the benefit of the filing date of both Application Serial No. 10/323,159 filed December 18, 2002 and Provisional Application Serial No. 60/342,018 filed December 19, 2001 and contains no new matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Grace".
John D. Grace, Ph.D.